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SUBJECT: OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENTS CARTER AND BREZHNEV
RE DISARMAAMENT

1. AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENTS CARTER AND BREZHNEV
MAY BE RELEASED SOON IN PARIS APPEALING BOTH PRESIDENTS
TO APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ARTICLE VI OF THE NON-
PROLIFERATION TREATY OF NUCLEAR ARMS OF 1970.

2. DRAFT LETTER (TEXT PARA 7 BELOW) IS ONE RESULT OF
ROUND TABLE ENTITLED "CHALLENGE OF THE YEAR 2000"
SPONSORED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PHILOSOPHY
AND HUMANISTIC STUDIES (CATEGORY "A" NGO) INCOOPER-
ATION WITH UNESCO, AND HELD AT UNESCO HEADQUARTERS FROM
JUNE 28-30. LETTER WAS DRAFTED AND CIRCULATED BY THREE
CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS AND NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNERS,
ALFRED KASTLER, PHILIP NOEL-BAKER, AND SEAN MACBRIDE,
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WHO SAY THEY NOW HAVE ABOUT TEN SIGNATURES FROM AMONG
THE 31 OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS. WE DO KNOW THAT
PROFESSOR TCHAVDAR KURANOV FROM BULGARIA WITHDREW HIS
SIGNATURE AFTER BEING APPROACHED BY OFFICIALS OF THE
USSR DELEGATION TO UNESCO, WHO ALSO PROMPTED SOVIET
PARTICIPANT VLADIMIR S. KEMENOV THROUGHTOUT THE
CONFERENCE.

3. OTHER NATIABLES ATTENDING CONFERENCE INCLUDED THREE AMERICANS, NANCY REEVES, SCHUYLER GARRISON CHAPIN, AND BUCKMINSTER FULLER; FORMER PRESIDENT OF MEXICO LUIS ECHEVERRIA, FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF NORWAY TRYVGE BRATTELI, FORMER FRENCH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MICHEL JOBERT, AND HAN SUYIN OF PRC.

4. VERY BRIEFLY, CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS UNANIMOUSLY AND OFTEN IN "DDOMSDAY" TONES, CITED NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AS MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING WORLD TODAY-- WITH OBVIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 2000-- AND DIRECTED APPROPRIATE APPEALS TO WORLD LEADERS TO REJECT POLICIES WHICH WOULD LEAD TO ARMAGEDDON. OTHER TOPICS WHICH FIGURED PROMINENTLY WERE ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSES AND MANIPULATION OF MASS MEDIA BY MULTINATIONALS, THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION AND PROTECTION OF THE WOLDS RESOURCES, PROBLEMS OF ENVIRONMENT, AND ATTENTION TO WHAT WAS CALLED THE GENERAL DEBASEMENT OF MORALITY (SPECIFICALLY WITH RESPECT TO WESTERN SOCIETY) WHICH MANY SPEAKERS CLAIMED HAVE REACHED EPIDEMIC PORPORTIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

5. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS DELIVERED WELL STRUCTURED AND MOVING SPEECHES WHICH TOUCHED ON SOME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OR ALL OF ABOVE TOPICS, THE CONFERENCE FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY MOMENTUM OR LIFE OF ITS OWN, AND SO FAR HAS RECEIVED LITTLE COVERAGE IN THE FRENCH MEDIA. MANY OBSERVERS OURSELVES INCLUDED, HAVE FEELING THAT CONFERENCE WAS LITTLE MORE THAN A FLAT REFLECTION OF A SIMILAR "ROUNDTABLE" HELD AT UNESCO LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME, AND CHAIRED BY WILLIE BRANDT.

6. PROCEEDING OF THE ROUND TABLE WILL APPEAR IN FORM OF SEPARATE PUBLICATION OF UNESCO, PROBABLY AS SEPARATE ISSUE OF ITS QUARTERLY CULTURE, IN OCTOBER 1977.

7. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT LETTER TO PRESIDENTS

CARTER AND BREZHNEV: BEGIN QUOTE

PRESIDENT LEONID BREZHNEV,
PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER,

YOU HAVE BOTH RECENTLY EXPRESSED YOUR INTENTION OF SEEKING TO END THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND TO INITIATE DISARMAMENT. THE FATE OF MANKIND WILL DEPEND ON THIS DECISION.

MAY WE RECALL THAT IN 1970 THE NON-PROLIFERATION
TREATY OF NUCLEAR ARMS WAS SIGNED BY REPRESENTATIVES
OF YOUR GOVERNMENTS.

ARTICLE VI OF THIS TREATY STATES:

"EACH OF THE PARTIES IN THE TREATY UNDERTAKES TO
PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS IN GOOD FAITH ON EFFECTIVE
MEASURES RELATING TO CESSATION OF THE NUCLEAR
ARMS RACE AT AN EARLY DATE AND TO NUCLEAR
DISARMAMENT, AND ON A TREATY ON GENERAL AND
COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT AND EFFECTIVE
INTERNATIONAL CONTROL."

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WHAT MEANING COULD BE GIVEN TO THE TERM "AN
EARLY DATE"?

MAY WE DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT
THAT OTHER NATIONS WHO HAVE SIGNED THE TREATY,
FOREGOING THE MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS,
WILL HONOUR THEIR COMMITMENT ONLY IF YOUR OWN
GOVERNMENTS HONOUR IT THEMSELVES.
WE WOULD THEREFORE URGE YOU TO ENSURE THE
APPLICATION OF ARTICLE VI OF THE NON-PROLIFER-
ATION TREATY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END QUOTE

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